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SUBJ: FIRST COMMITTEE VOTING ON DISARMAMENT ITEMS, NOV 22

1. FIRSTCOMMITTEE ON NOV 22 ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
ON COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES, REDUCTION
OF MILITARY BUDGETS, STRENGTHENING SECURITY OF NON-
NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, AND
MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE.

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2. FINNISH DRAFT RES CALLING FOR STUDY OF NUCLEAR

WEAPONS FREE ZONES BY GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS UNDER
CCD AUSPICES WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 114-0-2(CUBA, FRANCE).
CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE. FRENCH ABSTENTION
BASED ON ROLE OF CCD. US SUPPORTED RES, GIVING
EXPLANATION OF VOTE AS INSTRUCTED (STATE 254353).

3. MEXICAN DRAFT RES ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS WAS
ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 89-2(CHINA, ALBANIA)-13(INCLUDING
SOVIET BLOC, FRANCE, COLOMBIA). US EXPLANATION OF
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE COVERED ALL POINTS IN PARA TWO OF
STATE 258056.

4. PAKISTANI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY
OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WAS ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION
WITHOUT VOTE, WITH US, FRANCE, USSR, CHINA, AND UK
JOINING CONSENSUS.

5. SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION RES ADOPTED BY
102-0-7(US, FRANCE, BURUNDI, CHILE, GABON, MALI AND
PARAGUAY). WHILE VOTING IN FAVOR, NUMBER OF WESTERN DELS,
INCLUDING UK, FRG, AND ITALY, INDICATED THAT THEY FELT
SOVIET RES PREJUDGED IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SUBJECT SUCH
AS WHETHER EFFECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD TAKE FORM OF
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

6. IRANIAN/EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST
NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 103-0-3
(ISRAEL, SWEDEN, NORWAY). LAST TWO PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS
AND THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH (ALL DEALING WITH NPT) WERE
PUT TO SEPARATE VOTE AT REQUEST OF INDIA AND BRAZIL. THESE
PARAS WERE ADOPTED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY WITH ONLY
EIGHT ABSTENTIONS.

7. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, ISRAELI REP (ERELL) SAID
DRAFT WAS WORTHY OF MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BUT COM-
PLEX ISSUES INVOLVED COULD ONLY BE SOLVED BY CONCERTED
ACTION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE
PROGRESS WAS BY HOLDING DIRECT CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALL
STATES OF REGION, AND EVENTUALLY REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
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PROCEDURES IN PARA FIVE OF DRAFT, CALLING SIMPLY FOR
CONTACTS WITH UNSYG, WERE IMPRACTICAL AND SELF-DEFEATING.
ISRAEL WOULD COOPERATE WITH ANY DIPLOMATIC MOVES TO
FURTHER GOALS OF THE RESOLUTION.

8. US, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, EXPLAINED THAT
IT VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ITS BELIEF THAT
MENFZ COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION, BUT
EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS CONCERNING OP PARA TWO, WHICH CALLS
ON STATES IN REGION TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE COMMITMENTS IN

ADVANCE OF CONSULTATIONS AND CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT.
CANADA AND FRANCE ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON SECOND
OP PARA. SWEDEN SAID ZONE ARRANGEMENT, IN ORDER TO BE
SUCCESSFUL, MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL STATES IN REGION.
ITALY SHARED THIS VIEW AND ADDED THAT ZONE AGREEMENT MUST
FOLLOW CONSULTATIONS IN DEPTH AMONG ALL REGIONAL STATES.

9. INDIA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND OTHERS SAID THEIR AFFIR-
MATIVE VOTES ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE SHOULD NOT BE CON-
STRUED AS ENDORSEMENT OF PASSAGES DEALING WITH NPT.
AFTER VOTE, EGYPTIAN REP SAID ISRAEL'S ABSTENTION DEMON-
STRATED THAT ISRAEL WISHED TO USE PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS TO
HIDE ITS DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL.

10. SYRIAN DRAFT RES ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIRIES
WAS TABLED IN REVISED FORM (TEXT SENT SEPTEL). ROSSIDES
(CYPRUS) SAID REVISED FIRST OPERATIVE PARA, WHICH "CON-
DEMNS USE OF NAPALM ... IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE ITS
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY MAY AFFECT PERSONNEL," WAS CONSI-
DERABLY WEAKER THAN ORIGINAL. HE SAID NEW VERSION
REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY AND HE THEREFORE CALLED FOR POST-
PONEMENT OF VOTE. POSTPONEMENT WAS ALSO URGED BY PERU
AND SYRIAN SPONSOR OF RES ACCEDED TO REQUEST.

11. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT REMAINING TWO DISARMAMENT
ITEMS, SYRIAN NAPALM RES AND WDC RES (TEXT SUB-
MITTED TO SECRETARIAT BUT NOT YET CIRCULATED), WOULD BE
CONSIDERED BY FIRST COMMITTEE AFTERNOON OF NOV 27.
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